

## **REMARKS**

In response to the above Office Action and the objection to "group VIA," claim 9 as well as page 7, have been amended to correct this typographical error. Applicants appreciate the Examiner pointing out this error.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to place it in proper method format by using the verb "combining" and to define the polymerization catalyst as "a metallocene catalyst" and claim 8 has been cancelled. Conforming amendments have been made to claims 9 and 10. In addition, claims 14 and 15 have been amended to place them in better form and correct a typographical error.

It is believed the claims now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and §101. A "metallocene catalyst" is a well known expression in the art. See, for example, the Condensed Chemical Dictionary, Tenth Edition, page 660. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under §§101 and 112, second paragraph is requested.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 14, 15, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,169,926 to McDaniel and claims 1, 2, 14, and 17 under §102(b) for being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,595,827. Now that claim 1 includes the subject matter of claim 8, which was not rejected by either of these references, it is believed the rejections are now moot.

It is believed claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-18 are in condition for allowance.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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